

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, on page 4, paragraph 4 of the specification.

Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.


Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives in the October 4, 2006 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks.

As acknowledged by the Examiner during the personal interview, amended independent claim 1 overcomes the claim rejections made in the June 20, 2006 Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in even better condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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